

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21 are amended to correct minor typographical errors. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

1 1. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:

2 starting ~~an~~ a log file parser on each server of a set of servers in a distributed
3 information processing environment;

4 retrieving usage information from a database file generated by said log file
5 parser; and

6 generating preselected usage statistical information from said usage
7 information from said database file.

1 2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

2 closing a current log file;

3 reading said log file; and

4 generating said database file in response to said log file.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of starting a next log
2 file.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein said steps of closing said current log
2 file, reading said log file, and generating said database file are performed by said log
3 file parser.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said steps of launching a log file parser,
2 retrieving usage information from a database file, and generating preselected usage
3 statistical information are repeated for each server in said distributed information
4 processing system.

1 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein repeating said steps of
2 launching a log file parser, retrieving usage information from a database file, and
3 generating preselected usage statistical information ~~are repeated for each of said set of~~
4 servers ~~server~~ in said distributed information processing system ~~are~~ is performed by a
5 shell script.

1 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said log file comprises ~~an a~~
2 log file maintained by a directory server.

1 8. (currently amended) A computer program product embodied in a machine-
2 readable storage medium, the program product comprising programming instructions
3 for performing the steps of:

4 starting an a log file parser on each server of a set of servers in a distributed
5 information processing environment;

6 retrieving usage information from a database file generated by said log file
7 parser; and

8 generating preselected usage statistical information from said usage
9 information from said database file.

1 9. (original) The program product of claim 8 further comprising programming
2 instructions for performing the steps of:

3 closing a current log file;

1 reading said log file; and
2 generating said database file in response to said log file.

1 10. (original) The program product of claim 9 further comprising programming
2 instructions for performing the step of starting a next log file.

1 11. (original) The program product of claim 9 wherein said steps of closing said
2 current log file, reading said log file, and generating said database file are performed
3 by said log file parser.

1 12. (original) The program product of claim 8 further comprising programming
2 instructions for repeating the steps of launching a log file parser, retrieving usage
3 information from a database file, and generating preselected usage statistical
4 information for each server in said distributed information processing system.

1 13. (currently amended) The program product of claim 8 wherein programming
2 instructions for repeating said performing said steps of launching a log file parser,
3 retrieving usage information from a database file, and generating preselected usage
4 statistical information ~~are repeated~~ for each of said set of servers ~~server~~ in said
5 distributed information processing system comprise a shell script.

1 14. (currently amended) The program product of claim 8 wherein said log file
2 comprises ~~an~~ a log file maintained by a directory server.

1 15. (currently amended) A data processing system comprising a plurality of servers,
2 at least one of said plurality of servers including:

3 circuitry operable for starting an a log file parser on each server of a set of
4 said plurality of servers in a distributed information processing environment;

5 circuitry operable for retrieving usage information from a database file
6 generated by said log file parser; and

7 circuitry operable for generating preselected usage statistical information from
8 said usage information from said database file.

1 16. (original) The data processing system of claim 15 wherein at least one of said
2 plurality of servers comprises:

3 circuitry operable for closing a current log file;

4 circuitry operable for reading said log file; and

5 circuitry operable for generating said database file in response to said log file.

1 17. (original) The data processing system of claim 16 wherein at least one of said
2 plurality of servers further comprises circuitry operable for starting a next log file.

1 18. (original) The data processing system of claim 16 wherein said circuitry operable
2 for closing said current log file, reading said log file, and generating said database file
3 comprises circuitry operable in response to said log file parser.

1 19. (original) The data processing system of claim 15 further comprising circuitry
2 operable for repeating said launching a log file parser, retrieving usage information
3 from a database file, and generating preselected usage statistical information for each
4 of said set of servers in said distributed information processing system.

1 20. (currently amended) The data processing system of claim 15 wherein said
2 circuitry operable for repeating said launching a log file parser, retrieving usage
3 information from a database file, and generating preselected usage statistical
4 information ~~are repeated for each of said set of servers~~ ~~server~~ in said distributed
5 information processing system is operable in response to a shell script.

1 21. (currently amended) The data processing system of claim 15 wherein at least
2 one server of said plurality of servers includes circuitry operable for providing
3 directory services, and wherein said log file comprises ~~an a~~ log file maintained by
4 said directory services.